

# Unit 12

## Conversation 1

### How was your year?

Did you enjoy this year? What are some of the things you did?

#### CONSIDER THIS

New Year's around the world



##### Vietnam...

*Tet Nguyen Dan* is celebrated in January or February; people clean the house.

##### Scotland...

*Hogmanay* is celebrated on January 1; people visit friends.

##### Iran...

*Noruz* is celebrated on March 21; people buy new clothes.

- How do you celebrate the New Year?



Class CD 2, Track 55

**Yi-lin:** So did you have a good year, Andy?

**Andy:** Yeah, it was pretty good, thanks. How about you?

**Yi-lin:** I had a good year, too.

**Andy:** Did you do anything special this year?

**Yi-lin:** Well, I took a judo class. That was fun. And you?

**Andy:** I went to Canada for a vacation. It was terrific.

**Yi-lin:** What was your best experience in Canada?

**Andy:** On the ski slopes. I went skiing every day. I really enjoyed it.

**Yi-lin:** That's great. And I hope next year is even better.

Student CD, Track 24



## GIVE IT A TRY

### 1. Talking about past experiences (1)

Did you have a good year?	Yes, I did. It was pretty good, thanks. OK.
Did you do anything interesting? go anywhere	Yes, I took a judo class. I went to Canada. No, not really.

#### PRACTICE 1

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Track 56

Listen to the example. Check (✓) the things you did this year. Then talk with a partner. Use follow-up questions to ask for more information. Reverse roles.

Did you...?	Follow-up questions
1 Go anywhere interesting <input type="checkbox"/>	Where did you go?
2 Take any classes <input type="checkbox"/>	What class did you take?
3 Read any good books <input type="checkbox"/>	What did you read?
4 See any good movies <input type="checkbox"/>	What movies did you see?
5 Buy anything special <input type="checkbox"/>	What was it?
6 Try any new foods <input type="checkbox"/>	How was it?
7 Make any new friends <input type="checkbox"/>	Where did you meet?

#### PRACTICE 2

Work with a different partner. Tell him or her something interesting you learned about your partner in Practice 1.

**Example:** Kerry went to Canada for vacation. He went skiing every day.

## 2. Talking about past experiences (2)

Did you do anything special?	Yes. I got a new job.
	No, not really.
What was your <div>best</div> <div>worst</div> experience?	My trip to the US. I went to San Francisco for a week. I had an accident on my bike and broke my arm.

### PRACTICE

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Track 57

Fill in the chart with information about yourself. Listen to the example. Then ask and answer questions with a partner.



1	Did you do anything special?	
2	Did you do anything exciting?	
3	Did you do anything dangerous?	
4	What was your best experience?	
5	What was your worst experience?	



## LISTEN TO THIS

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Track 58

**Part 1** Listen to people talking about things they did this year. Number the things they talk about from 1–6.

**Part 2** Listen again. Did they have positive or negative feelings about what they did? Write **+** for positive or **×** for negative.

	Number	Feeling
Went overseas		
Bought something expensive		
Met someone		
Moved to a new house		
Changed schools		
Studied something new		

**Part 3** Talk with a partner. Who had the best year? Who had the worst year?

## LET'S TALK

**Part 1** Did you do any of the things below recently? Check (✓) the things you did.

**Part 2** Ask your partner the questions. Ask for more information, and write it in the chart. Reverse roles.

	When was the last time you...?	Follow-up questions
1	read a good book	What did you read?
2	saw a terrific movie	What movie did you see?
3	went to a live concert	Who did you see?
4	went to a great party	Where did you go?
5	went out to dinner	Who with?
6	met someone special	Who did you meet?
7	bought something special	What did you buy?

**Part 3** Did you and your partner have anything in common? Report to the class.